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**REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF DRAWINGS**

Please transfer the original drawings from U.S. Patent No. 5,870,370 to the above-identified reissue application.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the new reissue claims in the application filed concurrently herewith are supported by the disclosure in the original patent and are otherwise patentable.

Claim 15 differs from patent claim 1 in the preamble -- by calling the claimed device an optical "disc" apparatus, and in the body — by omitting the characterization of the flux separating element as being formed of a birefringent material. Claim 15 is supported, for example, by the Fig. 1 embodiment showing a light source 1, an objective lens 6 that focuses light ray flux from light source 1 on an optical recording medium 7, a flux separating element 2 configured as recited in the claim, and a light receiving element 8 positioned as recited in the claim and serving the recited purpose.

The collimator lens recited in claim 16 reads, for example, on lens 105 in Figs. 12a and 14a.

The height relationship recited in claim 17 finds support, for example, in the Fig. 14a embodiment, where the heights of laser 101 and light-receiving element 113 differ. See, e.g., column 20 at lines 19-23 and column 18 at lines 13-14.

The prism in claim 18 finds support, for example, in the Fig. 12a embodiment, using a prism as the flux separating element. See, e.g., column 18 at lines 53-56.

The optical pickup recited in claim 19 finds support, for example in the pickup illustrated in Fig. 1. See column 13 at line 29.

The optical disc system referred to in claim 20 is supported, for example, by the reference to an optical disc drive and an optical system in column 1 at lines 9-11.

Claim 21 is supported, for example, by the Fig. 1 embodiment comprising a source 1, flux separating optical element 2 having a first side facing source 1 and a second side facing lens 3, a quarter-wave optical element 5, a focusing optical element 6 and a detector 8.

Claim 22 specifies that the flux separating element comprises a birefringent material, as disclosed, for example, in column 4 at line 31.

Claim 23 refers to a Wallaston prism, as disclosed, for example, in column 18 at line 53.

Claim 24 refers to a Rochon prism, as disclosed, for example, in column 11 at line 4 and Fig. 48.

Claims 25-28 find examples of support as do claims 21-24, respectively.

Of course, it should be clear that additional examples of support are present in the various preferred embodiments disclosed in detail in the patent specification, and that the added claims are not limited to those preferred examples.

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